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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)  |                                  |            | Docket Number (Optional) |                      |
| FY 2006<br>(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)  |                                  |            | 2155CIP2A(203-3398CIP2A) |                      |
| Application Number 10/626,390   |                                  |            | Filed July 24, 2003      |                      |
| For VESSEL SEALING SYSTEM   |                                  |            |                          |                      |
| Art Unit 3739   |                                  |            | Examiner Michae          | el F. Peffley        |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.  |                                  |            |                          |                      |
| The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):   |                                  |            |                          |                      |
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|   | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))   | \$450      | \$225                    | \$                   |
|   | Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020     | \$510                    | \$                   |
|   | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  | \$1590     | \$795                    | \$                   |
|   | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))  | \$2160     | \$1080                   | \$                   |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  |                                  |            |                          |                      |
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| Signature   |                                  |            | Date                     |                      |
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